scheduled tribes category, after receiving green signal from the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) By when Government will bring the Constitutional Amendment Bill to declare Koch Rajbonshis as scheduled tribes?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) As per the procedure approved for deciding claims for inclusion, exclusion and other modifications in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Koch Rajbonshi community of Assam has not yet become eligible for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes. No specific time scheduled can be indicated at this stage, as the matter involves consultations with the conerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

**Grants for welfare of tribals in Himachal Pradesh**

2592. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The quantum of grants allocated for the welfare of tribals in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the amount utilized so far;

(c) whether any enquiry had been conducted for misuse of funds in Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs allocates funds, state-wise, for tribal development in the country under two schemes *viz.* i) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and ii) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan (SCA to TSP). The quantum of grants released to the Govt, of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure reported by the State Govt, for these programmes are show in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) During the last three years, no case of misuse has been reported to the Ministry. As such no enquiry has been conducted in this regard.

***Statement***

*Year-wise releases under SCA to TSP and article 275(1) of the Constitution and expenditure reported by the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the last three financial years*

SCA to TSP (Rs. in Lakh)

| Year | Amount released | Expenditure reported |
|---|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | 514.05 | 531.61 |
| 2001-2002 | 643.53 | 654.52 |
| 2002-2003 | 643.53 | 514.82 |

Art. 275 (1) (Rs. in Lakh)

| Year | Amount released | Expenditure reported |
|---|---|---|
| 2000-2001 | 99.50 | 0.00 |
| 2001-2002 | 78.00 | 0.00 |
| 2002-2003 | 80.00 | 0.00 |

**Tribal people of Uttaranchal**

†2593. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the tribal people are living in the Ranwai-Jaunpur and, Thatyood block of Uttranchal;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the people of Jaunsar-Bhabhar-area who are following the same social and cultural traditions like the residents of the said Blocks have been granted the tribal status;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.